(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto togetherwith the objections raised by the CAG in this regard;

(c) the details of persons found guilty and the action taken against them; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The CAG has not made any observation. However, the Local Audit Party and India Audit London has made certain observations. Ministry of Tourism has examined the observations made by the Audit and initiated necessary follow up action.

Outcome of pata conference

1475. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly 1000 delegates from 40 countries attended 51st annual conference on Pacific Asia Travel Association in the month of April, 2002 in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the main purpose of this Conference;

(c) the number of countries which participated in it; and

(d) the extent to which India has gained by holding this conference?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) 51st PATA Annual Conference was held from 14th to 18th April 2002 at New Delhi in which 1015 delegates participated.

(b) PATA Annual Conference is an international event and is utilised by the host country to showcase its tourism products and potentials among PATA members which comprises of governments bodies, air and cruise lines, hotels, tour operators, travel agencies, educational institutions, financial and consultancy service providers, media and related organisations.

(c) Delegates from 41 countries participated in the conference.

(d) India got an opportunity to project its culture, tourist attractions, folk arts, regional cuisines and textile traditions to PATA members. Interaction with National and International media gave an opportunity to dispel various misconceptions about India being an unsafe destination.

Beautification of sindhu durg

1476. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the historic Sindhu Durg sea fort, a protected monument, situated on an island in Maharashtra is in a dilapidated state;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps are being taken for its rejuvenation under an on-going Central Scheme; and

(d) how much amount is anticipated for its beautification?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As the fort is situated on an island and is surrounded by the Arabian sea, the saline action and impact of sea waves have eroded the foundation of the fort wall at many places, particularly on the western and southern sides.

(c) and (d) A Comprehensive Plan is being prepared and would be shortly executed.

Discovery of religious ADI Granth in British Library

1477. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 17th Century Sikh religious relic, the Adi Granth was discovered in the collections of the British Library recently; and

(b) if so, the action taken to bring back the manuscript to India from London?